

# Health & Safety Issues of African American Families

February is Black History Month. In recognition of this celebration, the North Carolina Division of Child Development would like to honor the great contributions of African Americans by focusing on some of the health and safety issues that impact the families and children who will carry on the legacy.



[\*\*Closing the Health Gap\*\*](#), “Infant Mortality and SIDS.” The United States has made substantial improvements in infant mortality, but disparities still exist. This website provides statistics and resources for Americans to take steps to improve the health of loved ones. *This site is available in Spanish.*



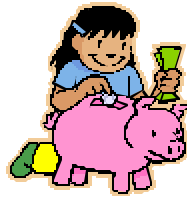
[\*\*National Safe Kids Campaign\*\*](#) is highlighting relevant injury statistics for African American children, along with prevention tips to decrease the risk of injury or ultimately death.



[\*\*KidsHealth\*\*](#) For Kids “Do You Know About Sickle Cell Anemia?” KidsHealth is a web site providing doctor-approved, up-to-date and accurate health information about children from birth to adolescence. *This site is available in Spanish.*



**National Association for the Education of African American Children with Learning Disabilities** is a web site seeking to improve the quality of education for African American children by raising the level of awareness in our communities about learning differences and promoting an understand among parents, educators, and others of the culturally sensitive issues facing minority children with learning disabilities as defined by Federal law.



**The National Black Child Development Institute** is a nonprofit organization that provides programs, workshops, and resources for African American children, parents and communities. Their mission is to improve and protect the lives of children. They are dedicated to giving every child a chance.



**National Institutes of Health** provides programs, the latest news, prevention/screening and nutrition related to African American health issues and the entire family. *This site is also available in Spanish.*



**McKinley Health Center**, "African American Health Issues." There are certain diseases and conditions that significantly affect African Americans. The McKinley Health Center helps African Americans understand how these diseases and conditions affect their lives and how to take appropriate measures to maintain a healthy lifestyle.